

A photograph of two young boys playing in a backyard. One boy is in the foreground, sitting on a white plastic slide, wearing blue swim trunks with a red floral pattern. The other boy is behind him, wearing a blue plaid shirt and brown pants, with his arms outstretched as if flying. They are surrounded by green grass and a wooden fence.

# Play for the Glory of God

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## Matthew 11:28-30

# Work for the Glory of God

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1. Aspire to be a **fool**, not a professional
2. Work to train your **heart**
3. Toil for God's **kingdom**  
by resting in His **victory**

A scenic landscape featuring a lake in the foreground, a range of snow-capped mountains in the middle ground, and a sky filled with scattered clouds at sunset or sunrise. A wooden dock extends from the right side into the water.

You have made us for **yourself**, O Lord,  
and our heart is **restless**  
until it **rests** in you.

Saint Augustine, **Confessions**  
(Lib 1,1-2,2.5,5: CSEL 33, 1-5)

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**Wake up** to Christ's return;  
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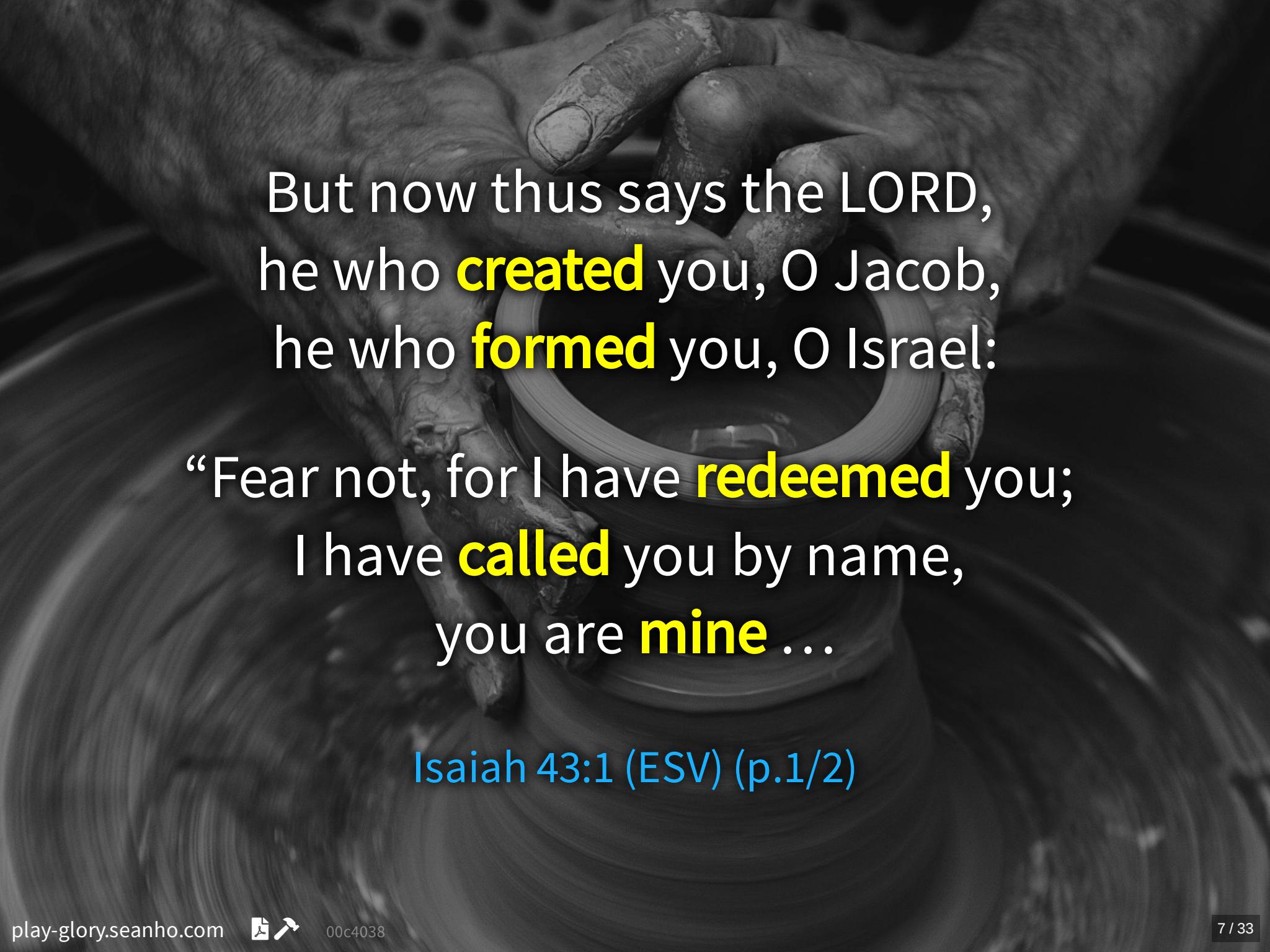
1. Christian **Hedonism**
2. Calendar **Zero**
3. Active **Rest**

A young boy with blonde hair, wearing a blue baseball cap and a plaid shirt, is laughing heartily with his eyes closed. He is sitting on a wooden bench, holding an open book on his lap. The background is a bright, slightly blurred outdoor setting.

# 1. Christian Hedonism

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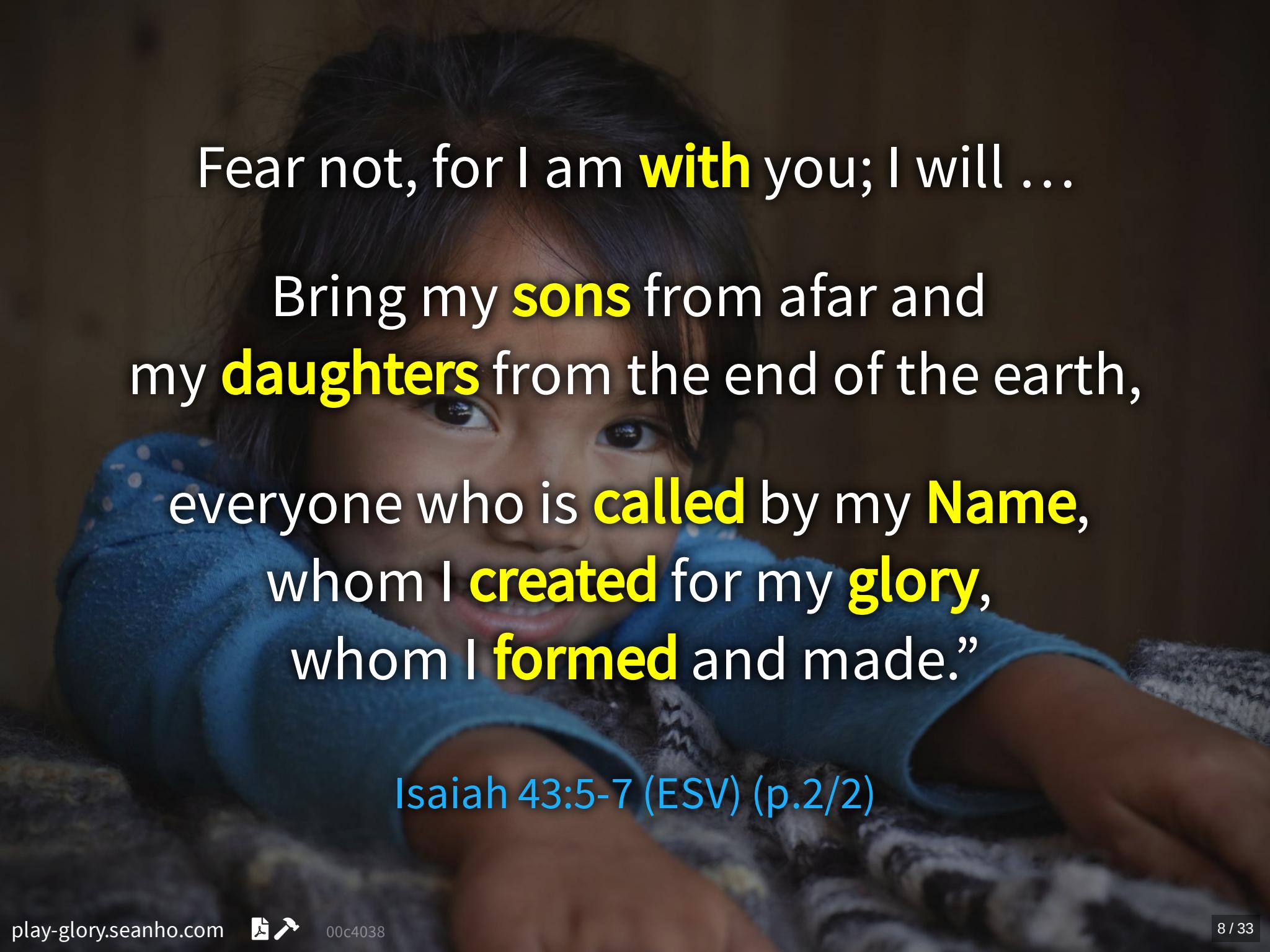
1. Made for His **Glory**
2. The Highest **Joy**

A black and white photograph showing a close-up of a person's hands working with clay on a pottery wheel. The hands are dirty and focused on the task of shaping a circular base. The background is dark and out of focus.

But now thus says the LORD,  
he who **created** you, O Jacob,  
he who **formed** you, O Israel:

“Fear not, for I have **redeemed** you;  
I have **called** you by name,  
you are **mine** ...

Isaiah 43:1 (ESV) (p.1/2)



Fear not, for I am **with** you; I will ...

Bring my **sons** from afar and  
my **daughters** from the end of the earth,  
everyone who is **called** by my **Name**,  
whom I **created** for my **glory**,  
whom I **formed** and made.”

Isaiah 43:5-7 (ESV) (p.2/2)

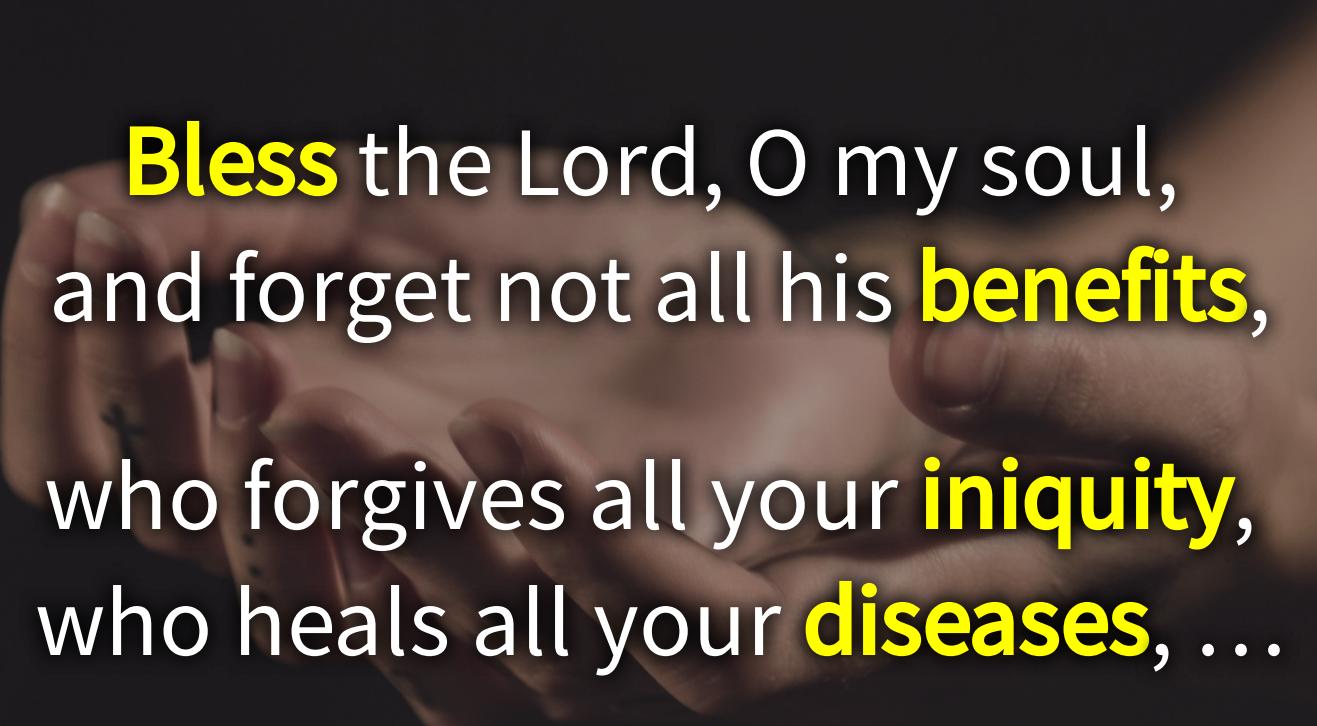
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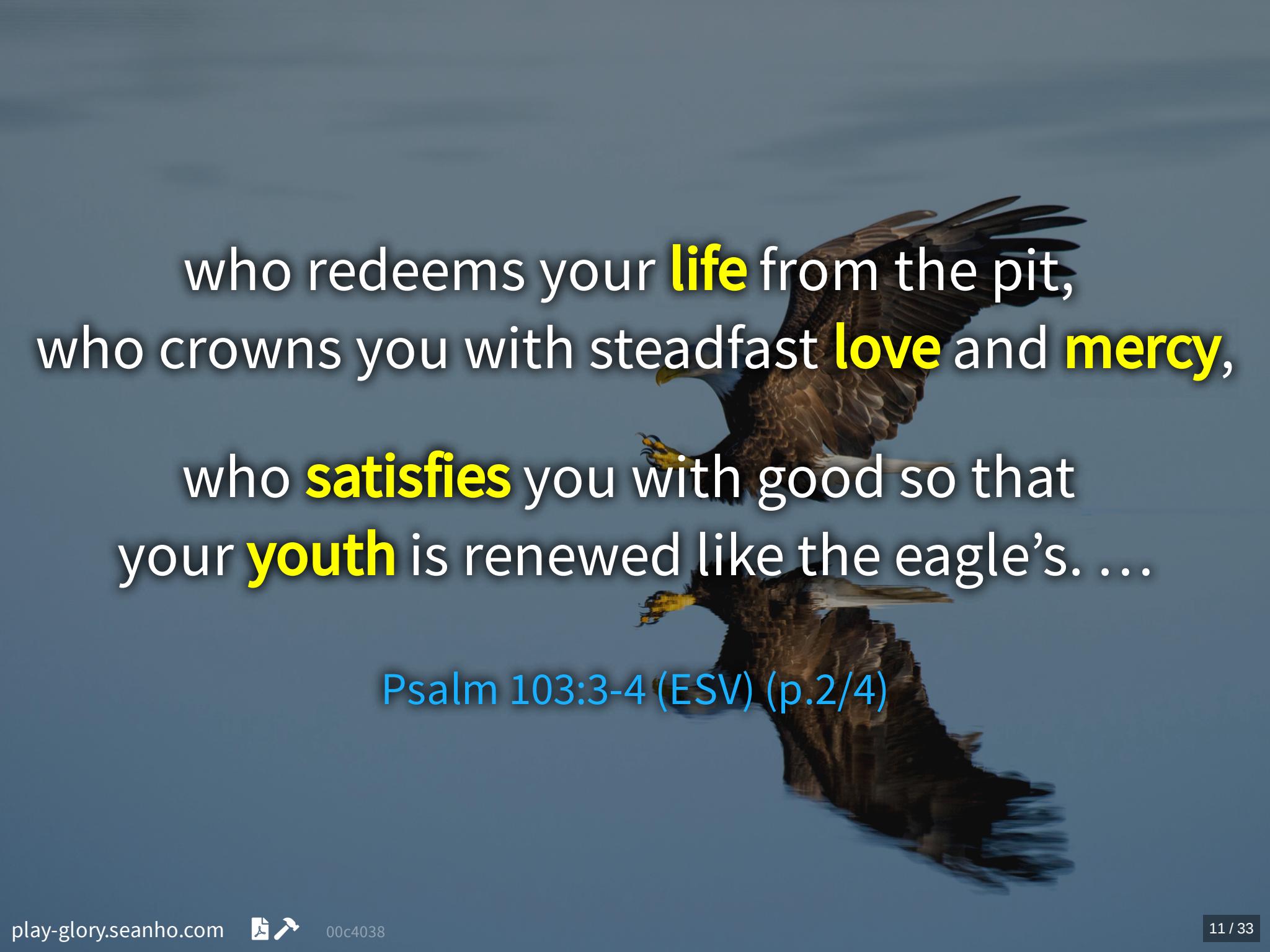
1. Made for His Glory

2. **The Highest Joy**



**Bless** the Lord, O my soul,  
and forget not all his **benefits**,  
who forgives all your **iniquity**,  
who heals all your **diseases**, ...

Psalm 103:2-3 (ESV) (p.1/4)

A large bald eagle is shown in flight, its wings spread wide, set against a clear blue sky. Below it, a dark, craggy rock formation juts out from the water. The eagle's talons are slightly open, showing its sharp yellow claws.

who redeems your **life** from the pit,  
who crowns you with steadfast **love** and **mercy**,  
who **satisfies** you with good so that  
your **youth** is renewed like the eagle's. ...

Psalm 103:3-4 (ESV) (p.2/4)



For as high as the **heavens**  
are above the **earth**,

so great is his **steadfast love**  
toward those who **fear him**;

as far as the **east** is from the **west**,  
so far does he remove  
our **transgressions** from us. ...

Psalm 103:11-12 (ESV) (p.3/4)

A photograph of a man in a plaid shirt carrying a young child on his shoulders, walking through a field of tall grass under a clear sky.

As a **father** shows compassion  
to his **children**,

so the Lord shows **compassion**  
to those who **fear him**.

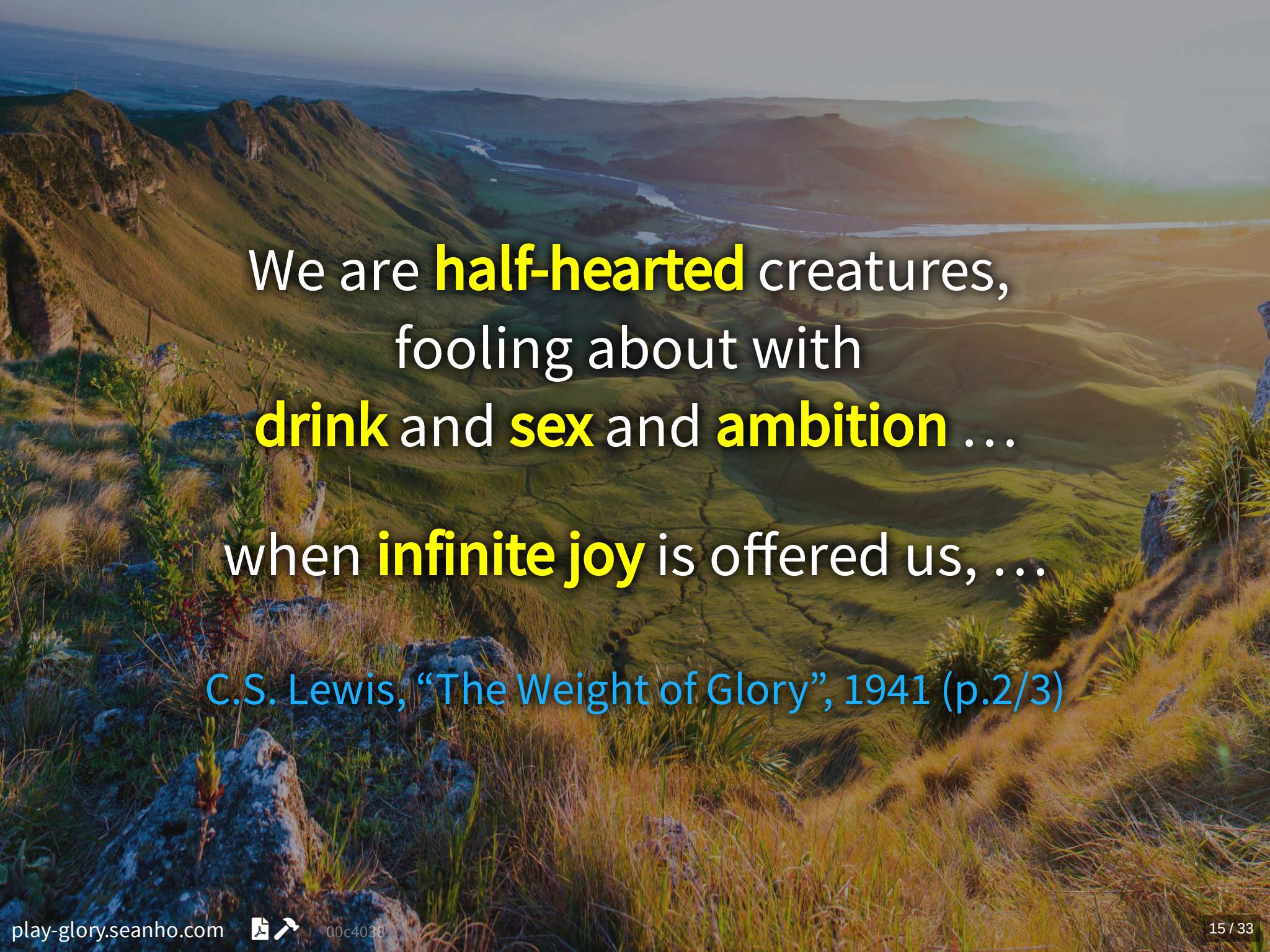
For he **knows** our frame;  
he remembers that we are **dust**.

Psalm 103:13-14 (ESV) (p.4/4)

If we consider the unblushing **promises**  
of reward ... in the Gospels,

it would seem that our Lord finds  
our **desires** not too strong, but **too weak**. ...

C.S. Lewis, “The Weight of Glory”, 1941 (p.1/3)



We are **half-hearted** creatures,  
fooling about with  
**drink** and **sex** and **ambition** ...  
when **infinite joy** is offered us, ...

C.S. Lewis, “The Weight of Glory”, 1941 (p.2/3)



like an **ignorant child** who wants  
to go on making **mud pies** in a slum

because he cannot **imagine** what is meant  
by the offer of a **holiday at sea.**

We are far **too easily pleased.**

C.S. Lewis, “The Weight of Glory”, 1941 (p.3/3)

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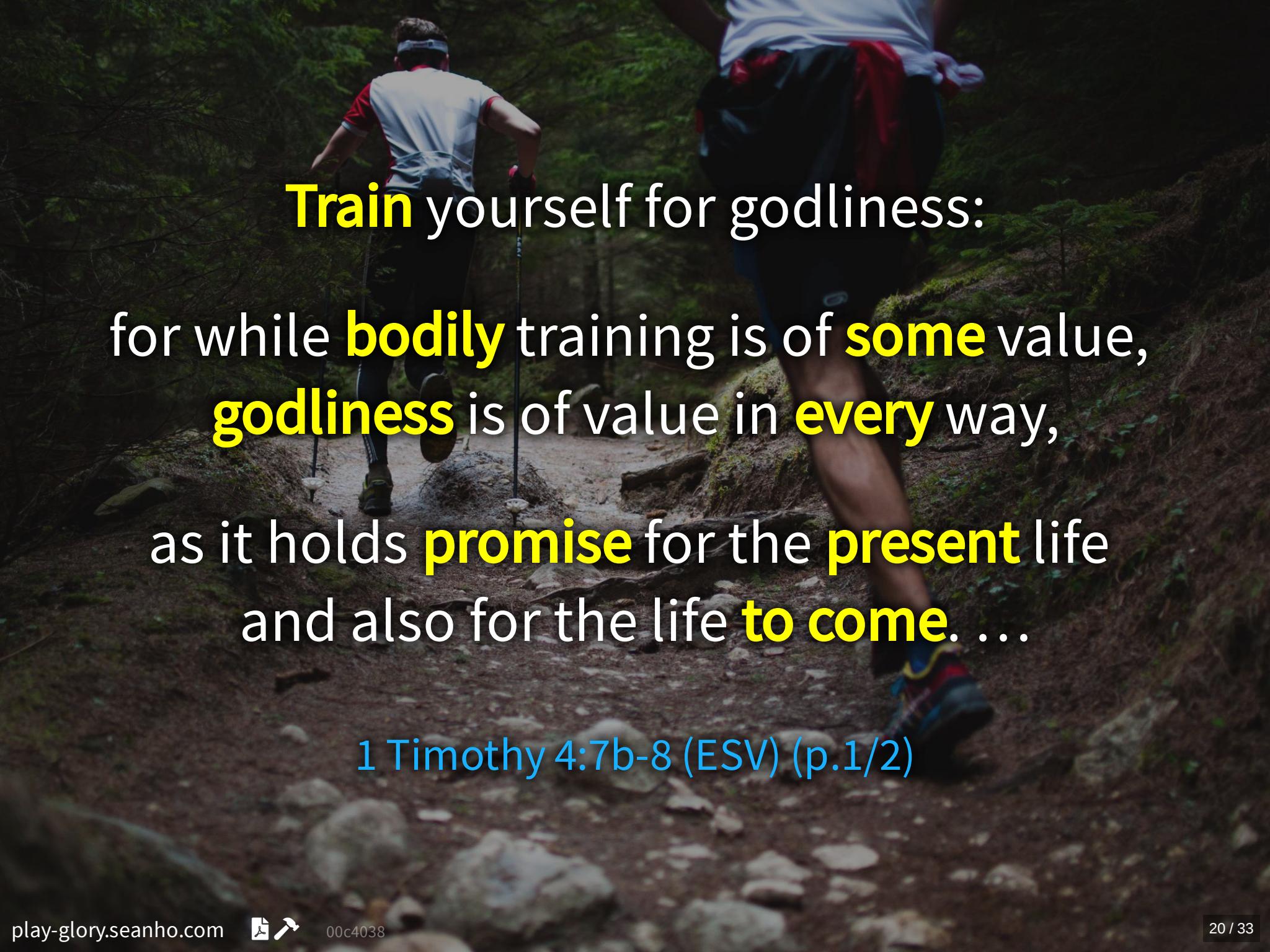
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A photograph of a person's legs and feet resting on a grassy hill. They are wearing blue jeans and white lace-up sneakers. In the background, there is a park with trees, a grassy field, and a clear blue sky with some clouds.

## 2. Calendar Zero

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1. **Exercise** is of Some Value
2. **Friends** of the Heart

A photograph of two people running on a rocky trail in a dense forest. The runner on the left is wearing a white shirt and dark shorts, while the runner on the right is wearing a light blue shirt and dark shorts. They are both wearing athletic shoes and headbands. The trail is rocky and surrounded by green trees and bushes.

**Train** yourself for godliness:  
for while **bodily** training is of **some** value,  
**godliness** is of value in **every** way,  
as it holds **promise** for the **present** life  
and also for the life **to come**. . . .

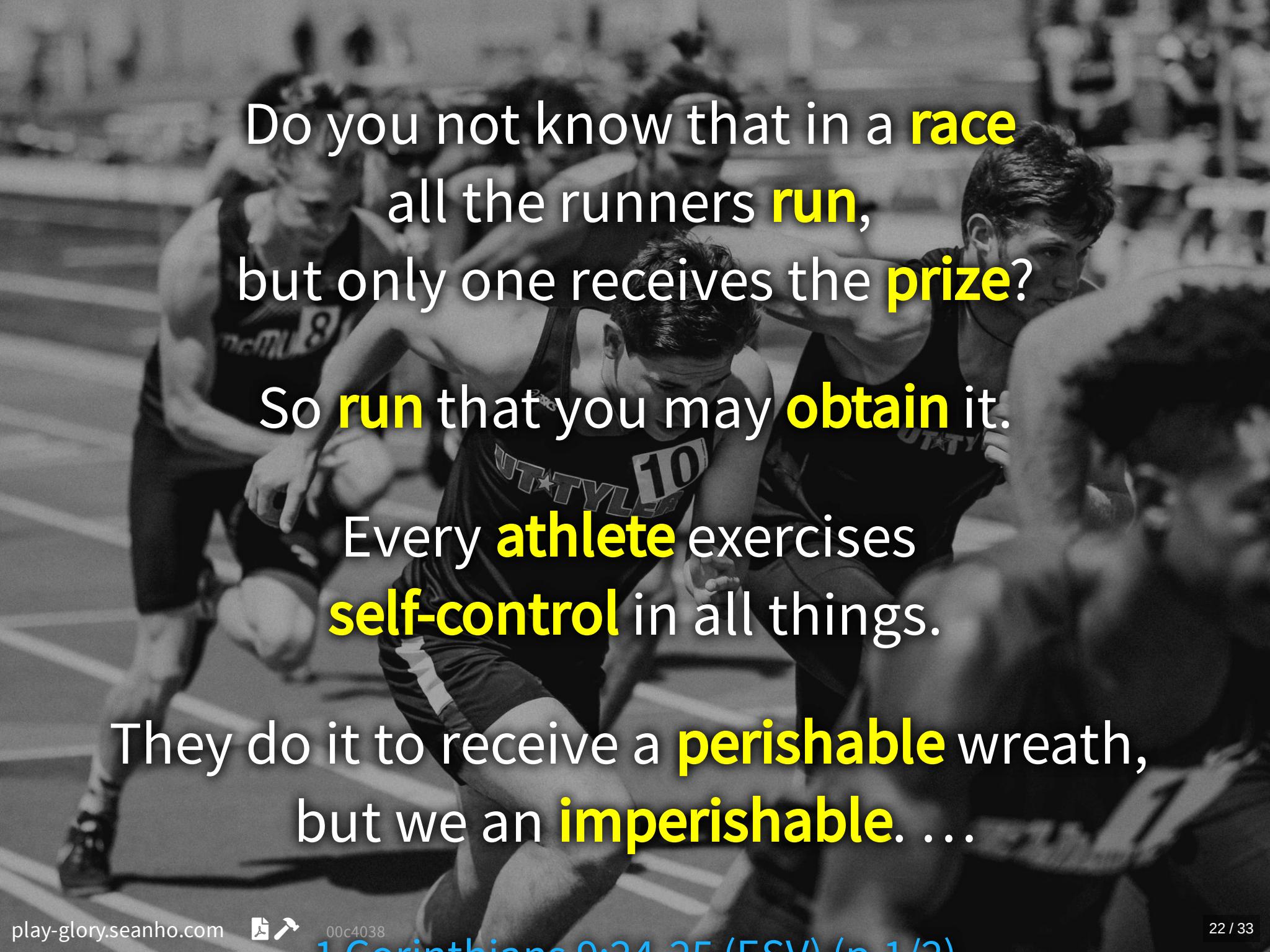
1 Timothy 4:7b-8 (ESV) (p.1/2)

For to this end we **toil** and **strive**:

because we have our **hope** set  
on the **living God**,

who is the **Savior** of all people,  
especially of those who **believe**.

1 Timothy 4:10 (ESV) (p.2/2)

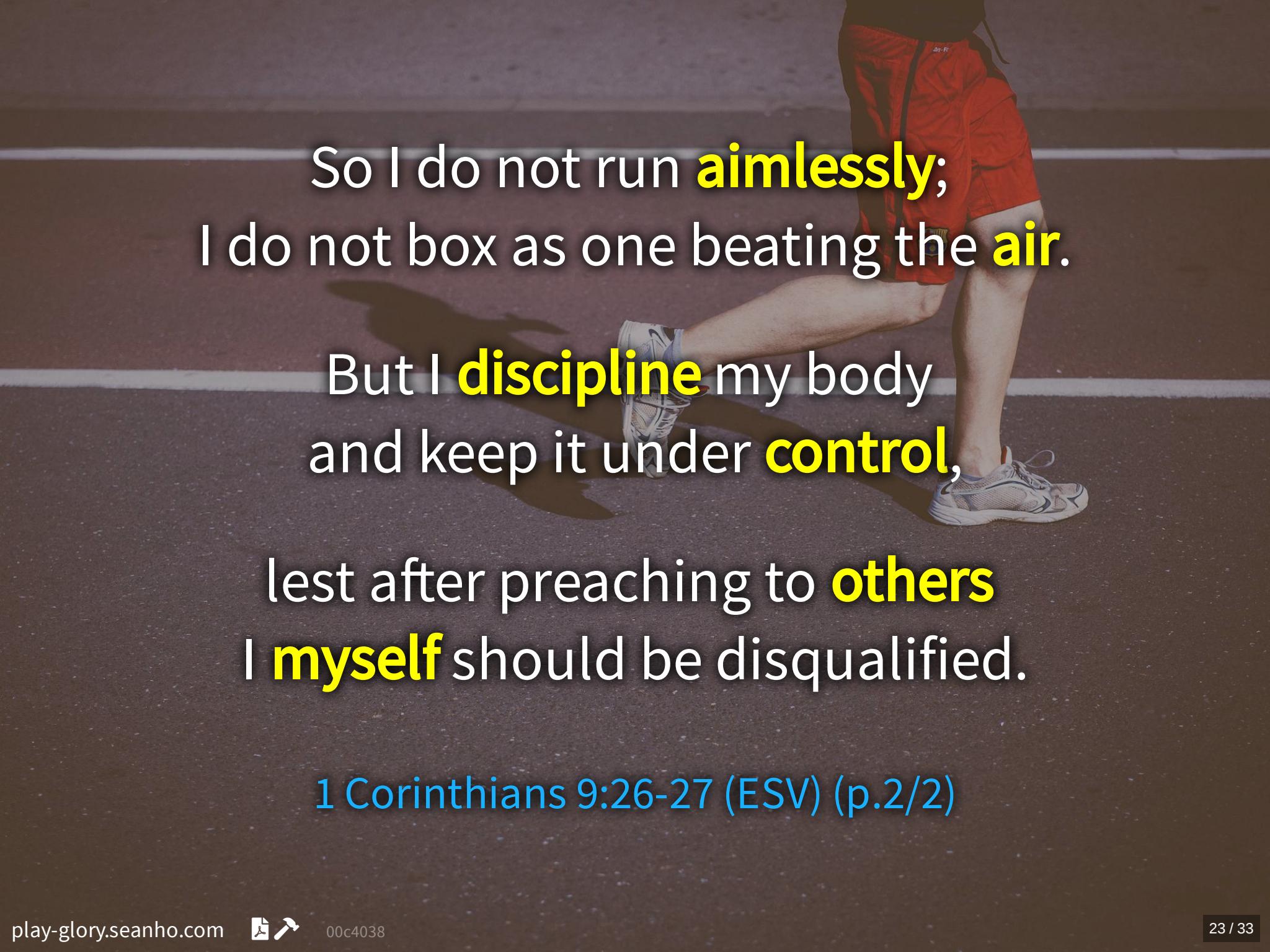


Do you not know that in a **race**  
all the runners **run**,  
but only one receives the **prize**?

So **run** that you may **obtain** it.

Every **athlete** exercises  
**self-control** in all things.

They do it to receive a **perishable** wreath,  
but we an **imperishable**. . . .



So I do not run **aimlessly**;  
I do not box as one beating the **air**.

But I **discipline** my body  
and keep it under **control**,  
lest after preaching to **others**  
I **myself** should be disqualified.

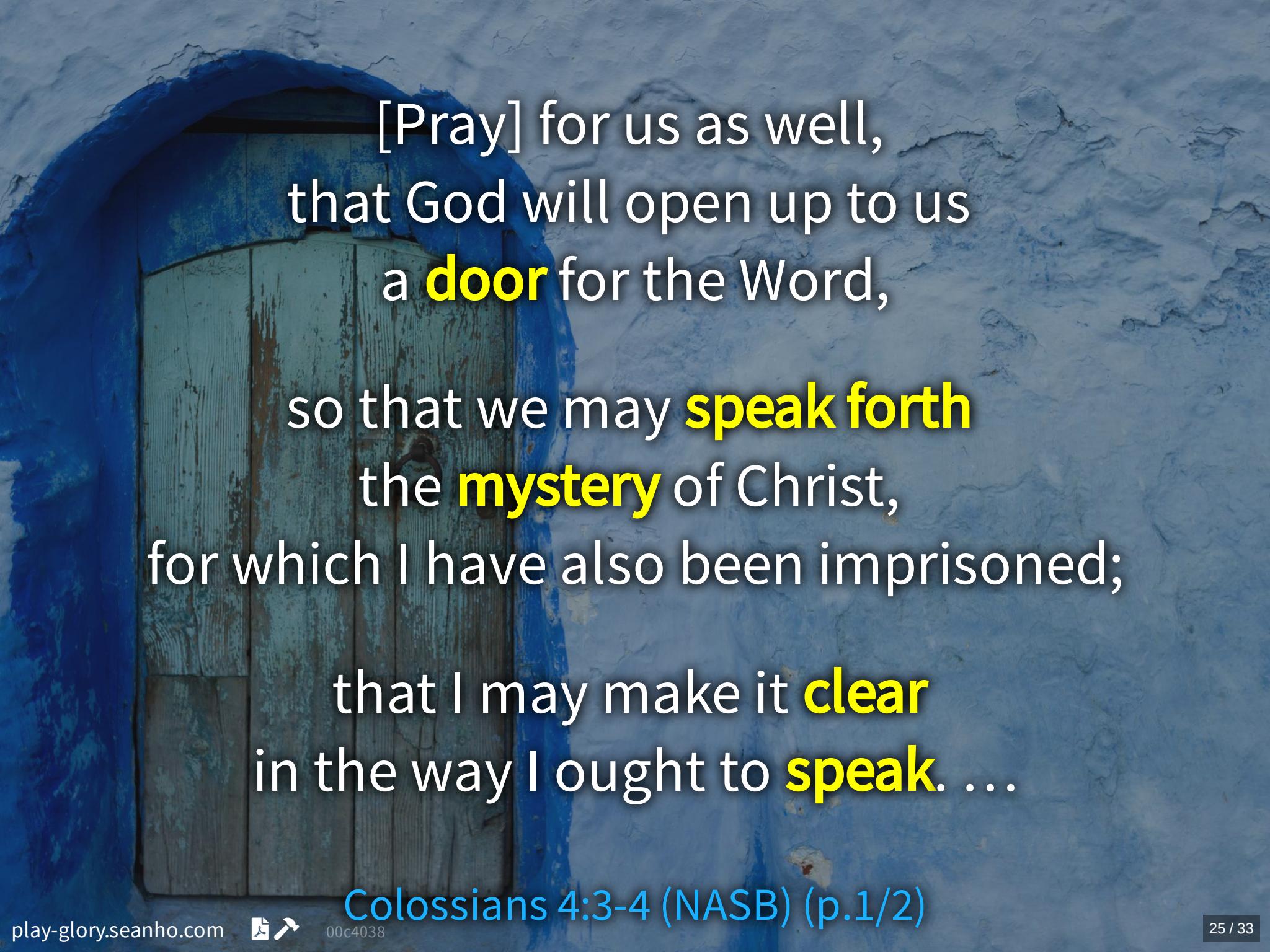
1 Corinthians 9:26-27 (ESV) (p.2/2)

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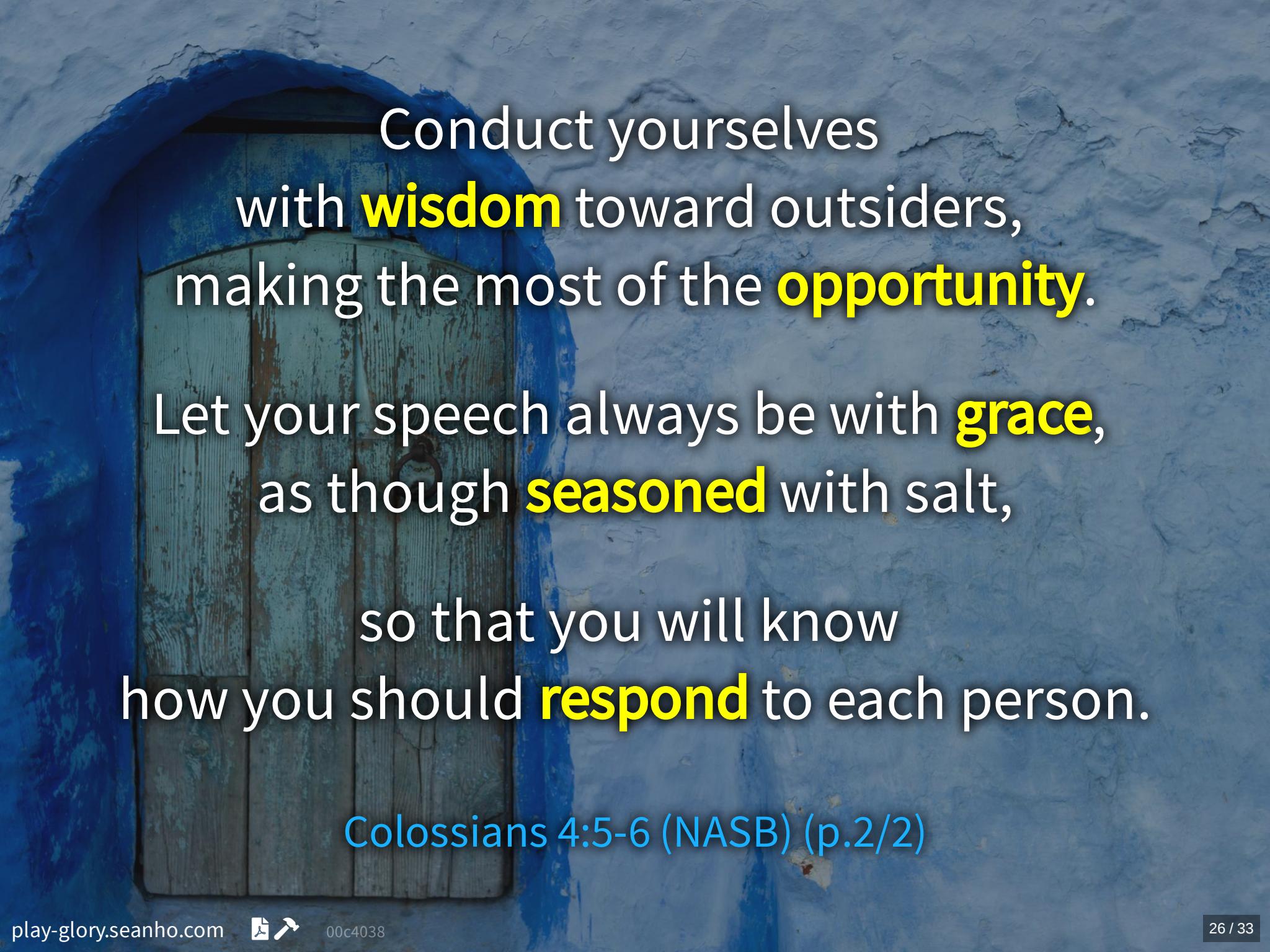
The background image shows a weathered, blue-painted wooden door set into a light-colored, textured wall. The door has a visible vertical grain and some horizontal planks. The overall aesthetic is rustic and aged.

[Pray] for us as well,  
that God will open up to us  
a **door** for the Word,

so that we may **speak forth**  
the **mystery** of Christ,  
for which I have also been imprisoned;

that I may make it **clear**  
in the way I ought to **speak**. ....

Colossians 4:3-4 (NASB) (p.1/2)



Conduct yourselves  
with **wisdom** toward outsiders,  
making the most of the **opportunity**.

Let your speech always be with **grace**,  
as though **seasoned** with salt,

so that you will know  
how you should **respond** to each person.

Colossians 4:5-6 (NASB) (p.2/2)



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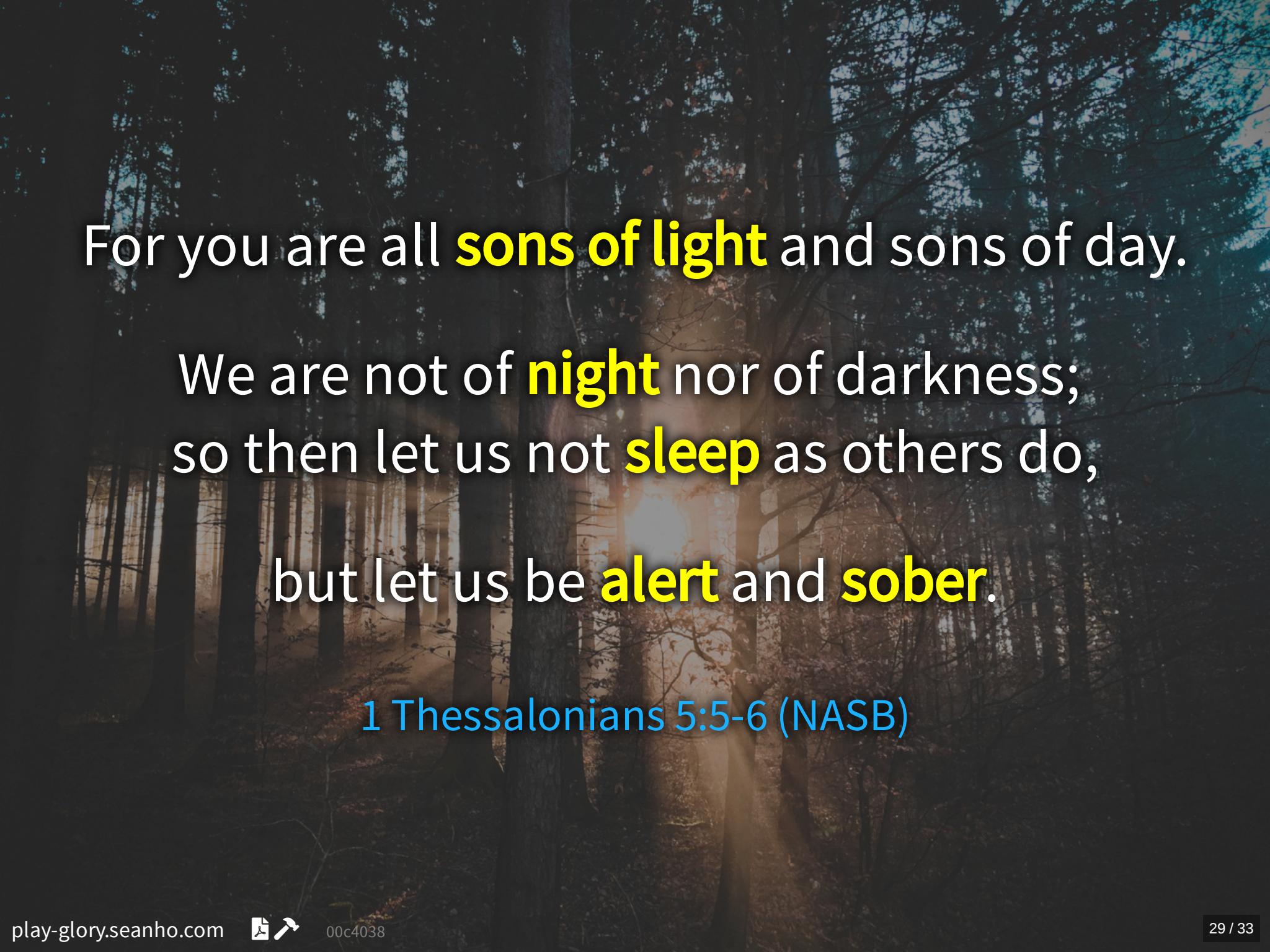
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1. **Awake**, for the **Night** is Coming
2. **Rest**, for the **Sabbath** is Coming



For you are all **sons of light** and sons of day.

We are not of **night** nor of darkness;  
so then let us not **sleep** as others do,

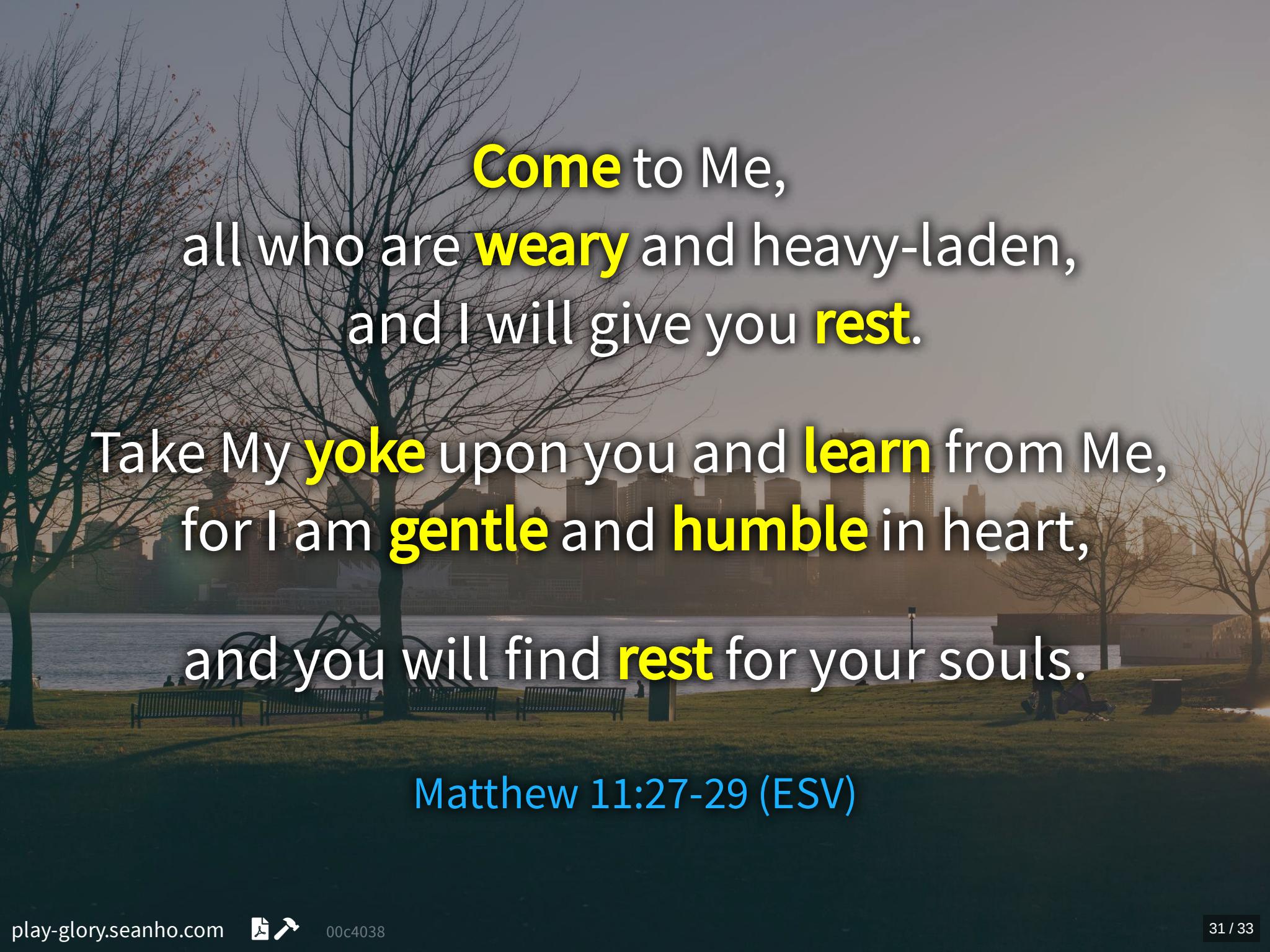
but let us be **alert** and **sober**.

1 Thessalonians 5:5-6 (NASB)

# 3. Active Rest

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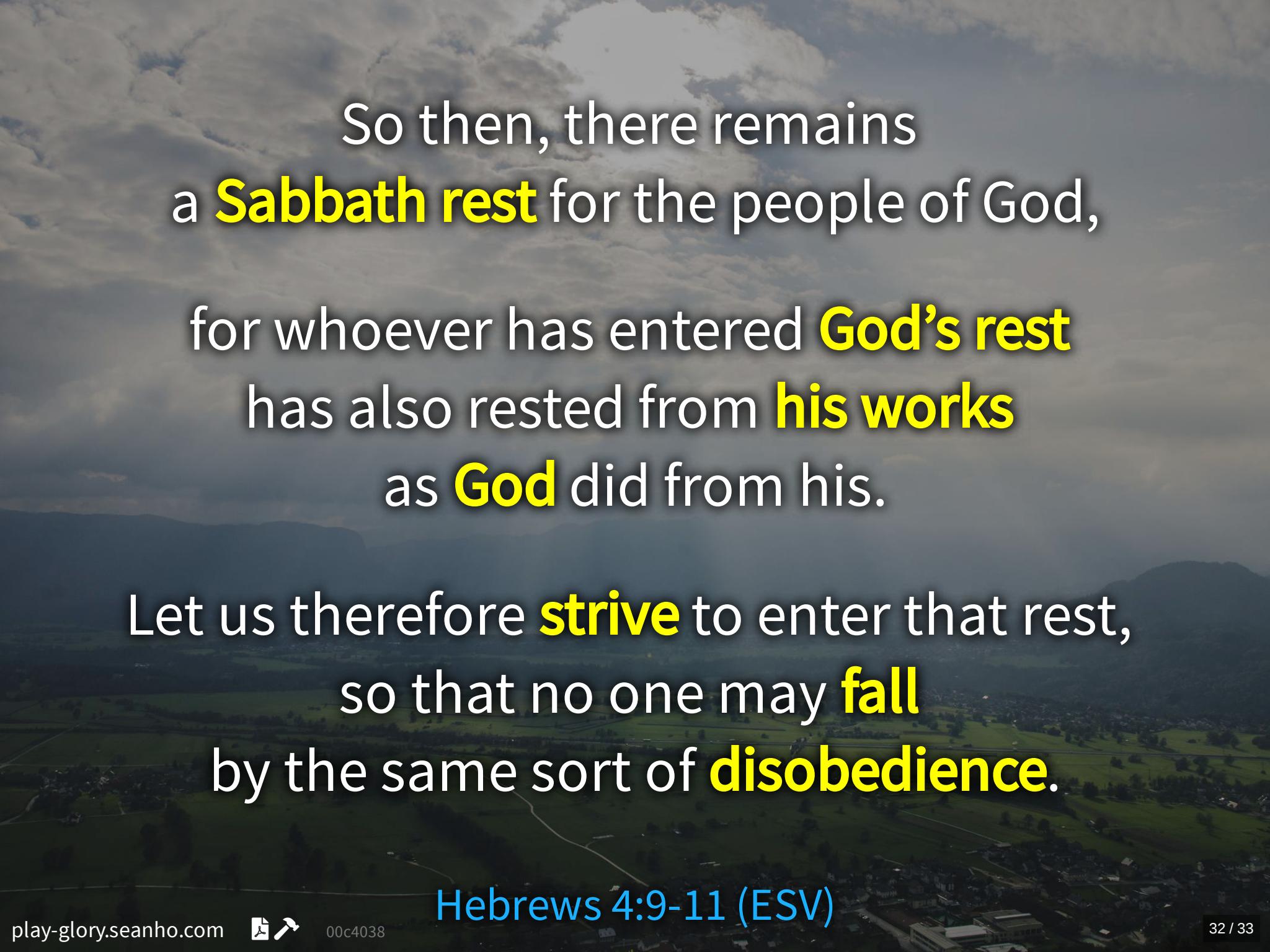
1. Awake, for the Night is Coming
2. **Rest, for the Sabbath is Coming**

A photograph of a park at dusk or dawn. In the foreground, there's a grassy area with a few people sitting on a bench. Bare trees stand in the middle ground. In the background, a city skyline is visible across a body of water under a hazy sky.

Come to Me,  
all who are weary and heavy-laden,  
and I will give you rest.

Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me,  
for I am gentle and humble in heart,  
and you will find rest for your souls.

Matthew 11:27-29 (ESV)



So then, there remains  
a **Sabbath rest** for the people of God,  
for whoever has entered **God's rest**  
has also rested from **his works**  
as **God** did from his.

Let us therefore **strive** to enter that rest,  
so that no one may **fall**  
by the same sort of **disobedience**.

Hebrews 4:9-11 (ESV)

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